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: Chief of Base, Pullach

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Transmittal of Letter and Medal
from UTILITY to Robert A. Ascham

ACTION REQUIRED: None

1. Separate cover attachment contains personal letter from UTILITY to Ascham expressing his thanks for his recent but ill-fated trip to the States and his regrets at failing to meet with Robert A. Ascham as planned because of the international situation. You will note that UTILITY still looks forward to resuming the trip probably sometime after the Christmas holidays. I might add that at such time the trip should be planned with air transportation both ways and should probably include only such time as is necessary in Washington to carry out the planned briefings and discussions.

2. The gold medal that is submitted is explained in UTILITY's letter. It should be noted that this medal which is numbered (1) on the reverse side is the first to be given by UTILITY outside of UPSWING. It differs from those given to the members of UPSWING only in that it is gold whereas theirs are bronze.

3. I asked UTILITY if there was any special significance to the selection of St. George for the medal since he is the Patron Saint of England. UTILITY replied that this had not occurred to him at all but assured me that there was no special significance and then added with a twinkle that it was probably a better choice, anyhow, than would be St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland which, after all, is a neutralist state.

4. Incidentally, UTILITY has several other medals for distribution to former KUBARK friends and supporters of UPSWING previously stationed with the German Mission. So far none of these mementos have been given to any other Service.

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